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Juror Claims Bremer Trial Cost Her Job

A 48-year-old Bowie woman claims she was fired from her job as a beautician because she missed work while serving as a juror in the trial of Arthur Herman Bremer.

Mrs. Virginia P. Jones of 2805 Stonybrook Drive said last night that after she did not report for work at Ruth's Beauty Salon in Bethesda last week, she was told her services were no longer needed.

But an attorney for the beauty shop owner, Mrs. Ruth V. Jordon of 9200 Peregoy Drive, Kensington, said Mrs. Jones was dismissed not because of any involvement in the Bremer trial, but because of a spotty attendance record.

Mrs. Jones said she has complained about the firing to Prince Georges County Circuit Court Judge William H. McCullough.

McCullough acknowledged last night that Mrs. Jones had complained to him last week. "I wrote to her employer, telling her that Mrs. Jones was sitting on a case that lasted longer than usual and that the jury was sequestered and couldn't make (telephone) calls out," the judge said.

He said he also cited the Maryland law that an employer may not deprive an employee of her job because she is required to service on a jury.

However, McCullough said, Mrs. Jones returned to him yesterday afternoon and said Mrs. Jordon had refused to rehire her. The judge said he has turned the matter over to Prince Georges County State's Atty. Arthur A. Marshall Jr. for further investigation.

Andrew Sonner, Montgomery County state's attorney, said today his office will investigate Mrs. Jones' complaint at the request of the Prince Georges states attorney. The matter was passed onto Montgomery, he said, because it falls in his jurisdiction.